

Class Specifications
for:

AIRPORT FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This is the entry level class in the Airport Firefighter series. Positions in this class participate in the airport rescue firefighter recruit training program: (1) to acquire knowledge and understanding of the organization and the role and responsibilities of an airport firefighter; (2) to receive intensive classroom and field training in the theories, techniques, methods and procedures of aircraft and structural firefighting and rescue work; (3) to perform or assist, as a trainee, in various airport firefighting and other specialized or emergency operations, and in the provision of first responder emergency medical care; and (4) to perform other airport firefighting and related tasks as directed and under supervision.

Examples of Duties: *(Positions may not be assigned all of the duties listed, nor do the examples necessarily include all the duties that may be assigned. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning such duties if such duties are a logical assignment for the position. The classification of a position should not be based solely on the examples of duties performed.)*

1. Participates in the airport firefighter recruit training program and receives instruction and training in the various aspects of aircraft and structural firefighting and rescue work, hazardous materials operational response, and first responder medical care, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), including the use of defibrillators.
2. Studies and demonstrates progressive knowledge of and understanding of the information contained in firefighting manuals, departmental policies, procedures, fire codes, rules and regulations, and safety protocols provided by the department.
3. As a team member, but under supervision, receives training in aircraft and structural firefighting operations by responding to fire alarms and other emergency calls; performing various firefighting tasks involving aircraft and structural fires; and assisting with search, rescue and evacuation operations.
4. Studies and becomes progressively familiar with the physical configurations of various types of aircraft and airport facilities.

5. Under supervision, administers first responder medical and emergency life support measures (e.g., CPR) using commensurate life saving equipment (e.g., defibrillators).
6. Under supervision, uses tools such as axes, saws, drills, lifting bay, jaws of life, pneumatic and hydraulic powered, and other forcible entry tools to pry or cut openings into aircraft or buildings to rescue occupants; operates or deactivates aircraft doors, escape chutes, hatch or canopy release mechanisms, oxygen systems, fire alarm/suppression systems, and electrical/fuel systems.
7. Under supervision, operates fire apparatus, fire utility trucks and vehicles, and performs maintenance on apparatus; washes, polishes and services firefighting apparatus, as assigned.
8. Performs salvage activities under supervision.
9. Under supervision, assists and participates in fire prevention inspections of airport facilities.
10. Under supervision, performs routine duties in cleaning and maintaining living quarters and working facilities and grounds.

Knowledge and Abilities Required:

Ability to: Perform strenuous physical activities such as lifting heavy fire fighting equipment, lifting and carrying people and equipment for rescue and salvage; engage in sustained physical exertion and perform arduous work under adverse conditions; learn and apply fire fighting and rescue principles, practices, techniques, tools and equipment to aircraft and structural fires; lift and carry people and firefighting equipment wearing self contained breathing apparatus and face mask; act quickly and effectively in emergencies; maintain physical fitness pertinent to the work; climb five flights of stairs; acquire a basic knowledge of first responder medical care; read and understand technical materials; understand and follow oral and written instructions; swim and learn life saving techniques, work cooperatively with fellow workers and others.

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